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REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

Based on telephone conferences with the Examiner March 28, 2005, and April 1, 2005, claim 10 required amendment to be properly written as a method claim and was not so amended in the Response to Office Action filed November 12, 2004. The Examiner also indicated that further searching would be required with regard to claims 4 and 5. In this response, the Applicants amended claim 10 to be in proper form for a method claim and have cancelled claims 4 and 5.

II. No New Matter Is Introduced by Way of Amendment

Claim 10 has been amended to address informalities cited by the Examiner. Therefore, no new matter has been introduced by way of amendment.

CONCLUSION

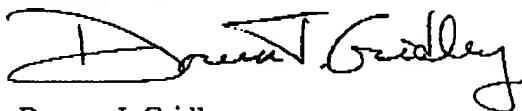
For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the Applicants have made a patentable contribution to the art and that this response places the above-identified application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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In the event the Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of an additional fee, the Applicants conditionally petition therefor, and authorize any fee deficiency to be charged to deposit account 09-0007.

Sincerely,

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